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Serial No.: 10/055,169) COMPOSITION FOR A POWDER FOR
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Respectfully submitted

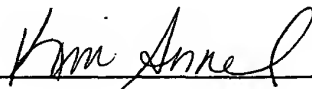
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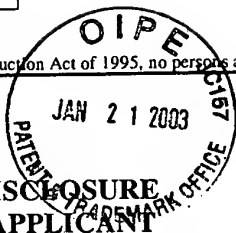
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